

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Examiner: Boyd, Erin M.
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Plant)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment with Remarks is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2009, having a period for response set to expire on August 22, 2009. Since a response is being filed within two months of the mail date of the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests an Advisory Action. Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments presented herein and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.